

Please amend Claims 25, 27 and 28 as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1- 24 canceled.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): A fixation device at least partially implantable into tissue, comprising:

a shaft having an outer face;

a threaded portion wound around the outer face and forming a helical groove, at least a part of the threaded portion being implantable into tissue, the threaded portion comprising:

a first face having:

a first end portion in curved contact with the outer face;

a second end portion opposite the first end portion;

a second face being substantially flat and substantially perpendicular with the outer face, the second face having:

a third end portion in curved contact with the outer face;

a fourth end portion opposite the third end portion,; and

a third face, the third face being coupled to the second end portion and the fourth end portion and being substantially parallel with the outer face, wherein the third face is substantially perpendicular with the second face,

~~The fixation device of Claim 23,~~ wherein the helical groove is substantially flat.

Claim 26 canceled.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): A fixation device at least partially implantable into tissue, comprising:

a shaft having an outer face;

a threaded portion wound around the outer face and forming a helical groove, at least a part of the threaded portion being implantable into tissue, the threaded portion comprising:

a first face having:

a first end portion in curved contact with the outer face;

a second end portion opposite the first end portion;

a second face being substantially flat and substantially perpendicular with the outer face, the second face having:

a third end portion in curved contact with the outer face;

a fourth end portion opposite the third end portion,; and

a third face, the third face being coupled to the second end portion and the fourth end portion and being substantially parallel with the outer face, wherein the third face is substantially perpendicular with the second face,

~~The fixation device of Claim 23,~~ wherein the second end portion of the first face is in curved contact with the third face.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): A fixation device at least partially implantable into tissue, comprising:

a shaft having an outer face;

a threaded portion wound around the outer face and forming a helical groove, at least a part of the threaded portion being implantable into tissue, the threaded portion comprising:

a first face having:

a first end portion in curved contact with the outer face;

a second end portion opposite the first end portion;

a second face being substantially flat and substantially perpendicular with the outer face, the second face having:

a third end portion in curved contact with the outer face;

a fourth end portion opposite the third end portion,; and

a third face, the third face being coupled to the second end portion and the fourth end portion and being substantially parallel with the outer face, wherein the third face is substantially perpendicular with the second face,

~~The fixation device of Claim 23,~~ wherein the fourth end portion of the second face is in curved contact with the third face.

Claim 29 canceled.